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## Portage Lake Harbor, MI

### Harbor Features

- Located on the east shore of Lake Michigan, 146 miles northeast of Chicago, IL and 14 miles south of Ludington, MI.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 3 Mar 1879.
- Recreational harbor.
- Project depth is 18 feet.
- Over 2,000 feet of maintained Federal channel, between Lake Michigan and Portage Lake.
- More than 4,400 feet of maintained piers and revetments.
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders include the City of Onekama, Michigan DNR, Michigan Boating Association and a variety of charter and sport fishing interests.

### Project Needs

- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on a 3 to 5 year cycle of approximately 30,000 cubic yards; the harbor was last dredged in 2008.
- Phase II of the north and south pier rehabilitation needs to be completed. Due to cost considerations, the breakwater may have to be repaired in phases over several years.
- Navigation structures are primarily maintained by Government floating plant.

### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally.
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area, tourism.
- Property values decrease



### Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge and supports charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- The local community has established a significant infrastructure around the harbor facilities that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, 2009 and 2010  
Portage Lake Harbor, MI - Project Needs and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY08 Need</b>	<b>FY08 Allocation</b>	<b>FY09 Need</b>	<b>FY09 President's Budget</b>	<b>FY10 Need</b>	<b>FY10 Budget*</b>
Project Condition Surveys	15	15			15	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	210	211			210	
Shallow Draft Harbor Structure Assessment	20					
Structural Repair – by Contract			6,000		6,000	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,225</b>	

\*FY10 President's Budget will be available in February 2009.

**Congressional Interests**

- Representative Peter Hoekstra R-MI-2
- Senator Carl Levin D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI